A comprehensive RAP was formulated for Sipat project through a participative and consultative process incorporating suggestions made by PAPs their representatives, local representative and officials from the state government in various consultation meetings. The RAP so formulated was finally approved by the District Collector Bilaspur on 9.8.2000 for implementation. Having gone through the entire process and the Government of Chhattisgarh having approved it. NTPC is committed to the agreed RAP in its entirety as approved by Government of Chhattisgarh. The salient RAP provisions are as follows:- Individual R&R benefits in the form of grants to land owner PAP to facilitate purchase of land for land considered as a prime rehabilitation measure.

— Grants to other categoreis of PAPs namely those tilling government land, allottees of Indira Avas Yojana etc.

— 40% shop allotment to PAPs in the township

— Community development activities including infrastracture upgradation in the project affected villages.

— Grants to Village Panchayats for a definite period.

— Other facilities like capacity building, employment opportunities and welfare related activities.

NTPC has reported that all the activities to be executed by NTPC, as envisaged in RAP, have been completed.

As regards employment opportunities, there was no such agreement of providing direct employment to PAPs in NTPC. As the Sipat Thermal Power Project is being installed largely with environment friendly super critical technology,it was categorically mentioned in the RAP that employment opportunities shall be comparatively less. However, for direct employment in NTPC in the unskilled category, only PAPs would be considered and in the skilled category preference would be given to them subject to availability of vacancies. Till now, 43 PAPs have been recruited in skilled category and recruitment of 100 PAPs in unskilled category is under process. Further 2042 PAPs/Local persons have been deployed under contracting agencies engaged for construction activities in the project.

As and when further vacancies are notified. PAPs would be considered for employment in accordance with the provisions of the comprehensive and agreed RAP.

Allocation of power to Madhya Pradesh

†2912. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government is continuously reducing the quota of electricity allocated to States;

(b) if so, the quantum of electricity in megawatts allocated to Madhya Pradehs, at present; and

(c) the steps being taken to ensure that the State gets its full quota of electricity from the Central Government for its different power projects?

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) The allocation of power from Central Generating Stations (CGSs) to the beneficiary States/UTs is made in the form of firm power and unallocated power. The firm power (85%), once allocated as per the existing guidelines, is not generally altered, unless power is surrendered by any of the beneficiaries. However, the unallocated power (15%), kept at the disposal of the Central Government, is reviewed and revised from time to time keeping in view the change in demand pattern, power supply positition, etc. The unallocated power being fixed and limited modifications are carried out through adjustment of allocation generally among the States/UTs in the region.

(b) and (c) The existing allocation of Madhya Pradesh from the Central Generating Stations comprise 1788 MW firm share, 216 MW (around 18.56%) power from the unallocated quota of CGSs of Western Region, 31 MW from the unallocatedal surrendered power of NTPC stations of Eastern Region, totalling 2035 MW. Further, Madhya Pradesh shall also get allocation from the Central Generating Stations programmed to be commissioned during the Eleventh Plan period in accordance with the existing guidelines.

Additional power generation

2913. SHRI AMIR ALAM KHAN: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) the target set for generation of additional power during the Eleventh Five year Plan;

(b) the steps taken to achieve the target during the plan;

(c) the reasons for shortfall in achievement of target during 2007-08; and

(d) the measures taken to overcome the shortcomings identified, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) The targets for power generation are decided on a year to year basis. The target of power generation for the year 2008-09 has been fixed at 774.34 Billion Units.

The main reason fro marginal shortfall (0.8%) in achievement of generation target (710 Billion Units) for the year 2007-08 include shortage of gas for the gas based stations, less than anticipated achievement in the commissioning/commercial operation of new generating capacity and low generation in Nuclear Power Stations due to fuel constraints.

(d) The following measures have been taken/are being taken to address the shortfall in generation:

* Arranging procurement of Liquefied Natural Gas (LNG) through spot purchases to meet shortfall in gas supplies for gas based stations.
* Regorous monitoring of execution of power project for their timely commissioning.
* Interaction with the project authorities and equipment suppliers, such as BHEL, etc., for resolving the bottlenecks causing delays in the commissioning/achieving commercial operation of the new generating units.

Atrocities on Scheduled Castes

2914. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state: